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November 30, 1981

Mr. Harry Marshall  
 Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
 for Oceans Environmental &  
 Scientific Affairs  
 Room 7831  
 U.S. Department of State  
 Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of a letter which the Commission sent to appropriate Congressional committees regarding IAEA safeguards.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
 James R. Shea

James R. Shea, Director  
 Office of International Programs

Enclosure:

Letter dtd 11/27/81 to Hon. Larry  
 Pressler from Chrm Palladino

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

November 27, 1981

CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Larry Pressler, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Arms Control, Oceans  
and International Environment  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
U. S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Over the past several years, Commissioners have expressed concern to the Congress regarding the adequacy of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards. The Commission has noted that the NRC has had little or no safeguards information in making its export determinations under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Act.

In keeping with our responsibility to keep Congress fully and currently informed, we are writing to update our assessment of IAEA safeguards. The NRC is concerned that the IAEA safeguards system would not detect a diversion in at least some types of facilities. In addition, we are not confident that the member states would be notified of a diversion in a timely fashion. We are also communicating our concerns to the Executive Branch in the interests of helping to bring about improvements in IAEA safeguards.

We are reviewing our responsibilities under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, for the licensing of nuclear exports in the light of these concerns and will inform you of our conclusions.

Sincerely,



Nunzio J. Palladino

cc: Senator Alan Cranston

Identical Letters sent to: Rep. Udall, cc: Lujan; Rep. Ottinger, cc: Moorhead;  
Rep. Moffit, cc: Deckard; Rep. Zablocki, cc: Broomfield; Sen. Percy, cc: Glenn; Sen. Simpson,  
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